



# FROM THE SPIRE

News & updates from our Shrine Churches for our community in Preston, Lancashire, England.



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*TRINITY  
SUNDAY*

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My Dear Friends,

Let me first satisfy your curiosity! You have certainly noticed the scaffolding in the organ loft. Unfortunately, the rose-window is in very bad condition. We are waiting for the architect's inspection this week; I will tell you more next week.

This week we will celebrate one of the most beautiful feasts of the liturgical year: The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.

The entire liturgical office was composed by St Thomas Aquinas. To the solidity of his doctrine, the Angelic Doctor joined the depth of his contemplation. It is good in these times of modern apostasy to read and meditate on these sacred texts.

In the tabernacle, the Lord awaits us; some saints speak of the "divine prisoner". He dwells with us and becomes food for us so that we may have eternal life.

May this feast and its ancient octave, which leads us to the Saviour's Heart inflamed with love, help us to strengthen our faith and our love for the Blessed Sacrament.

It is a foretaste of heaven here below. Heaven is seeing God! Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anticipates this joy, it transports us into the joy and peace of the saints and angels. We hope that many of you will keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament this week.

Finally, our dear Canon Duarte will leave Preston this week, I would like to express to him once again, in the name of all of us, our gratitude and our prayers for his ministry.



# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Trinity Sunday

### Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans

#### Romans 11:33-36

[33] O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are his judgments, and how unsearchable his ways! [34] For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? [35] Or who hath first given to him, and recompense shall be made him? [36]. For of him, and by him, and in him, are all things: to him be glory for ever. Amen.

### Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

#### St Matthew 28:18-20

[18] And Jesus coming, spoke to them, saying: All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. [19] Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.

## Corpus Christi Feast and Devotions

**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm First Vespers of Corpus Christi followed by Adoration and Compline

**Thursday:** (Feast of Corpus Christi) 8:30 Low Mass at Saint Walburge's, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Morning adoration will conclude with Benediction at 11am.

12 noon Solemn Mass at English Martyrs followed by Procession

5:30 pm Solemn Vespers at Saint Walburge's

**Friday:** Normal liturgical schedule. Join us in a fast for peace and for Holy Mother Church.

**Saturday:** 8:30 am Low Mass at Saint Walburge's followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will take place throughout the day and during the night; please sign up for an hour!

5:30 pm First Vespers of Sunday and 8:30 pm Compline before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sunday:** (Solemnity of Corpus Christi) 9:00 am Low Mass at English Martyrs

9:30 am Sung office of Terce before the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am Rosary and Confessions

10:30 High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament exposed

2 pm Corpus Christi Procession with Preston Deanery

### Collection figures

Sunday 5th June

St Walburge's £468.40

English Martyrs £37.00

Donations £32.89

Bank Transfers £710.00

**Total £1211.29**

Collection for the Sister Adorers

£676

Thank you so much for your generosity!

### Our prayer intentions this week:

Please pray for Father O'Connor, Bernard Williams and Flair, for Mark and Ligaya McKay, Arthur and Maxine Frankland.

For our sick members: Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Anita, Trevor and Mark.

The residents of Swansea Terrace.

Pray for peace!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ordo</b>	<b>Canon Cristofoli</b>	<b>Canon Post</b>	<b>Canon Ducret</b>
Sunday 12th June 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30 SW	Trinity Sunday	Mary Dean RIP	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP	Clack Family
Monday 13th June 8:30 SW 12 EM	Saint Anthony of Padua	Canon Altiere	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP
Tuesday 14th June 8:30 SW 12 EM	Saint Basil the Great	Paule RIP	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP
Wednesday 15th June 8:30 SW 12 EM	1st Sunday after Pentecost (Ss. Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia)	Father O'Connor	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP
Thursday 16th June 8:30 SW 12 EM	Feast of Corpus Christ	Jim Aherne RIP	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP
Friday 17th June 8:30 SW 12 EM	Saint Gregory Barbarigo	Mr Brendan Kelly RIP	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP
Saturday 18th June 8:30 SW 12 EM	Saint Ephrem of Syria	Monique Monceyron RIP	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP
Sunday 19th June 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30 SW	Corpus Christi (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)	Anthony, Thanksgiving and blessings.	Abbé Gabriel Novena	Fr. Lucien Blauvac RIP

## OUR SHRINE SCHEDULE:

### Monday--Saturday schedule

(NB: no Lauds, Vespers, Adoration or Confessions on Wednesday)

7:30 am Lauds and Meditation at Saint Walburge's  
8:30 am Holy Mass at Saint Walburge's  
12 noon Holy Mass at English Martyrs  
5:30pm Vespers at St Walburge's  
6pm-7pm Adoration and Benediction at St Walburge's  
7pm Compline at St Walburge's  
(Monday, Thursday and Friday)  
9:30am to 7pm all-day Adoration (Thursday only).  
Please sign up for Adoration at the end of Mass.

### Sunday Schedule

9am Low Mass at English Martyrs  
10:30am High Mass at Saint Walburge's  
5:30pm Vespers and Benediction at SW  
6:30pm Low Mass at Saint Walburge's

### Confessions (Saint Walburge's)

9:15am - 9:45am (Saturday)  
10am - 10:20 am (Sunday)  
6pm - 6:45pm (Mon-Fri, *except Wed*)



## Announcements

**Sacred Music:** Did you know that we have a short singing practice every Sunday at 12:15 in the upper room of the hall? Join us! All ages are welcome. No experience is necessary. Bring a smile. Contact James Walton with your questions and suggestions: [prestonsacredmusic@gmail.com](mailto:prestonsacredmusic@gmail.com)

**Collection for the Sister Adorers:** Thank you for your generous donations to the Sisters last week. A total of £676 was raised for their apostolate! We are truly blessed to have them here with us in Preston!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** \*Please sign up for a special hour of adoration (18th-19 June) between Mass on **Saturday morning** and the Deanery Corpus Christi Procession on **Sunday afternoon**. Our Lord will remain on the altar throughout the night.\*

\*\*This Thursday, Adoration at Saint Walburge's will conclude at 11am due to the Solemn Mass at English Martyrs.\*\*

**Guild Sundays:** There are two remaining Guild Sundays before the summer holidays, today the 12th of June and in two weeks (26th of June). Bring a lunch to the hall and share with your fellow worshippers! Join us for catechetical talks at 1pm and activities afterward.

**Confirmations:** His Lordship, Bishop Paul Swarbrick will visit us this 17th of October to confer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. Please approach Canon Cristofoli or Canon Post to register for preparatory classes in autumn.

## To Donate:

Institute of Christ the King/St Walburge, Charity number: 1144783

To donate to St Walburge's via bank transfer:

Name: ICKSP Sort Code: 40-10-22 Account Number: 52347733

Gift Aid forms and offertory envelopes can be obtained at the Presbytery.

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